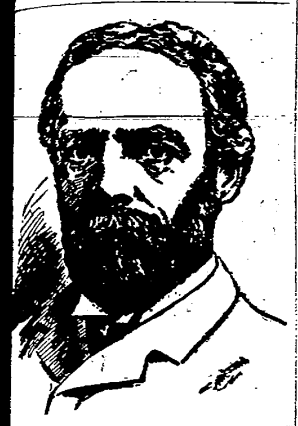
WHITELAW REID HOME.

Brought Whiskers From His Trip Around the World.

Whitelaw Reid, editor of the Tribune and last campaign's Republican candidate for the vice-presidency, arrived recently in New York from a year's trip abroad, wearing a brand new set of whiskers, grown in the land of Egypt. Advance notices said it that they had been developed in a hedge against Sahara sand.

While Mr. and Mrs. Reid were encamped in the desert the whole party were very nearly overwhelmed by a sand storm. It began in the middle of the night. The first gust swept the tent from its fastenings and spread the suffocating canvas over the sleepers. Then it was swept away into the night, leaving them lay at the mercy of the blinding, choking clouds of sand. The minute particles cut into their flesh, got in



HON. WHITELAW REID.

their eyes and mouths and buried them in its drifts. It flowed down their backs, filled their shoes and every fold in their clothes. The force of the blasts blew the particles even through the chinks in their trunks, and when the bags and boxes were opened later they were found to be full of sand. The almost imperceptible particles were driven between the leaves of the books in these bags and boxes. The storm lasted seven hours. At the outbreak of the storm the camel drivers, who had seen such things before, piled the camel saddles about Mr. and Mrs. Reid and covered their heads with blankets. Then they built up a bulwark of trunks and lay prostrate while the suffocating blasts continued. The seven hours of the storm were hours of agony. Everyone in the party was almost suffocated by the sand and when it was over they rose as from the dead. The faces of all were cut and sore fr m the flying sand and their eyes were red and aching.

A Rare and Beautiful Flower.

The Holy Ghost flower, or Flor dei Spiritu Santo, is found in the region of the Isthmus of Panama. There it is not a common plant, as it is found only in certain sections. It seems to thrive only in low, marshy spots and springs up from decayed logs or from crevices in the rocks. The larger and older bulbs frequently send up the leaf stalks six or seven feet in height and from these, which are joined, broad lanceolated leaves are thrown out in pairs. The plant is an annual, and in June, July and August the flower stalks up from the base of the bulb, devoting all their energies to the formation of the buds. The buds are arranged on the stalks much like those of the hyacinth, the usual number for a well grown stalk to bear being from twelve to fifteen. The leaves are very pale green in color, as though in harmony with the delicate purity of the blossom. The blossom is of alabaster whiteness, much like the old-style English pullet. This, of itself, is strikingly curious, but it fades into insignificance when one looks into the center of that strange blossom, for there, nestling in its very heart, is the perfect image of a dove. It requires no imagination to see it. No one could mistake it for anything else, for no human skill could fashion its shape more perfectly, no artist could adorn it with more delicate tints and no perfumer could endow it with a more delicate fragrance. Right in the cup of the blossom, with the snow white canopy about it, rests this wonderful image, its delicately molded wings drooping, half extended at its side, its gold tinted head bent slightly forward and its tiny, crimson tipped bill touching its snowy breast. An observer who saw it in its native home says: "Just as the figure of the dove itself is there, beyond dispute, so does an expression pervade the image, an expression that even the most careless cannot fail to notice, the very incarnation of humility and spiritual purity."

Largest Peach Orchard.

One hundred thousand peach trees in a single block is a pretty large peach orchard, and yet that is the possession to-day of the Hale Georgia orchard and nursery company, Houston Co., Georgia. The company owns about 1,000 acres of table land, about 600 feet above tide water. The peach orchard of 100,000 trees will soon begin its fourth summer, and gives now every indication of a first-class crop. This is the largest single block of peach trees in the world, and there can be little doubt that its enterprising projectors will reap a substantial reward from it.

The varieties planted are about as follows: 10,000 Mountain Rose, 15,000 Crosby, 8,000 Oldmixion, 5,000 Lady Ingold, 50,000 Elberta, 10,000 Stump and 2,000 of other varieties, largely for the purpose of testing their suitability for that section. The Lady Ingold is a yellow peach of the Crawford type, but a better shipper, and is also said to be more productive.

In setting out this immense orchard the trees were subjected to the severest pruning we ever before heard of. The top was pruned to a bare pole and then shortened, while the roots were cut to mere stumps of 1½ inches in length; yet such was the effect of that flavoring soil and climate that trees thus planted on February 5 were on June 7 of the same season well supplied with symmetrical tops and roots.

Taking a Bath in Paris.

"The bathing habit comes more nearly being universal in the United States than in any country I've ever visited," said Mr. D. J. Burton, of San Francisco, at the Hotel Page, Washington, D. C. "Everybody knows of the funny custom in Paris, where the people get their baths from a fellow who hauls around a portable bathtub and takes it up to the rooms of his patrons. Think of opening your window in the early morning and whistling to attract the attention of the bath vender. That's the way they do in the gay French metropolis. None of the hotels except a few very lately built that have patterned after the American style can accommodate a guest who wants to wash, and private houses are utterly without facilities for ablution. The Englishman plumes himself on his devotion to cold water, but it's really a travesty on bathing that John Bull performs. He will fill a shallow basin half full of water, and immersing a towel in it, mop himself therewith quite vigorously, splashing around with fearful racket, and thinking that he has done the subject complete justice. In a good many other countries of Euprope the people seem totally innocent of the practice of applying water externally, and that is why I maintain that my own countrymen are the cleanest on earth."

Rare and Costly Eggs.

An egg worth over $1000 is something of a rarity, but there is one to be seen in the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences. It is something smaller than an ordinary goose egg, and is of a dark olive green color, splotched and spotted with black and deep brown. It is an egg of the great auk, a bird that has not been seen alive for more than fifty years, and is supposed to be extinct. In the same case with the egg is a stuffed specimen of the bird. The bird and egg are valued at $3,000, but it is doubtful if the academy would part with the egg alone for the money. Some years ago one of these eggs was offered for sale in London and brought the enormous price of $1,500. The great auk has not been seen in its native haunts in Iceland since 1848, when the last specimen known to scientists was captured. There are only two of the eggs in this country, and less than a dozen in the world.

Trotting in Germany.

Trotting is becoming more and more of a popular feature in sporting circles throughout Germany, writes Wilfron Schierbrand. This year James Gordon Bennett has sent, for the first time, some fine American trotters of good records here to compete at the races in Westend, Berlin, and a whole colony of American sporting brethren have found their way here likewise, so that just now they are quite conspicuous at Unter den Linden. I hope there are no blacklegs among them, as there were last year, when a certain member of the fraternity tasted German prison food for six months because of swindling practices discovered. The emperor, too, is quite interested in trotting, and has just donated a fine prize, to be competed for next year by the breeders of the horse winning at the German trotting Derby.

Clairvoyance by Telephone.

M. Trouve, the well known electrician of Paris, has brought out a tiny telephone no larger than a franc piece, and, in conjunction with Rostog, the "wizard," has applied it to clairvoyance. The telephones, attached to the ears of the blindfolded performer, are hidden by a wig and connected by fine wires, also invisible, to a transmitter behind a screen. A confederate behind the screen, who can see and hear all that passes, prompts him by means of the telephone.

Many Uses for Mushrooms.

Not only human beings, but cows, sheep, squirrels, and many kinds of birds, are fond of mushrooms. In many places mushrooms are dried just as our grandmothers once dried apples, strung on strings, and hung from the ceiling for winter use. Some European species are used in coloring. One yields a yellow dye, another an exquisite green which colors the tree on which it grows; and from this wood is manufactured the celebrated Tunbridge ware. The poore people of Franconia, Germany, dry, press and stitch together a certain kind of mushroom, which is then made into garments; and in Bohemia a large round toadstool is dried and the inside removed; it is turned bottom upward, fastened to the wall, and used to hold a beautiful trailing vine, which grows luxuriantly.

A Slave From Boyhood.

(From the Red Wing, Minn., Republican.)

"I am now twenty-four years old," said Edwin Swanson, of White Rock, Goodhue County, Minn., to a *Republican* representative, "and as you can see I am not very large of stature. When I was eleven years old I became afflicted with a sickness which baffled the skill and knowledge of the physician. I was not taken suddenly ill but on the contrary I can hardly state the exact time when it began. The first symptoms were pains in my back and restless nights. The disease did not trouble me much at first, but it seemed to have settled in my body to stay and my bitter experience during the last thirteen years proved that to be the case. I was of course a child and never dreamed of the suffering in store for me. I complained to my parents and they concluded that in time I would outgrow my trouble, but when they heard me groaning during my sleep they became thoroughly alarmed. Medical advice was sought but to no avail; I grew rapidly worse and was soon unable to move about and finally became confined continually to my bed. The best doctors that could be had were consulted, but did nothing for me. I tried various kinds of extensively advertised patent medicines with but the same result.

"For twelve long years I was thus a sufferer in constant agony without respite, abscesses formed on my body in rapid succession and the world indeed looked very dark to me. About this time when all hope was gone and nothing seemed left but to resign myself to my most bitter fate my attention was called to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Like a drowning man grasping at a straw, in sheer desperation I concluded to make one more attempt—not to regain my health (I dare not to hope so much) but if possible to ease my pain.

"I bought a box of the pills and they seemed to do me good. I felt encouraged and continued their use. After taking six boxes I was up and able to walk around the house. I have not felt so well for thirteen years as during the past year. Only one year have I taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I am able now to do chores and attend to light duties.

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Cricket on the Hearth.

Miss Edith Carrington, who writes so instructively and so interestingly on natural history subjects, gives a very intelligible description of the familiar insect, the house cricket. The chirping noise which is the main characteristic of this beetle, is made by the male insect for the purpose of serenading his sweetheart. Having no voice, he uses his wings, and in a most admirable manner. Beneath the gray scales on its back the cricket has a couple of pairs of extremely lovely wings. Through the upper pair of these, near the middle, run two stiffish nervures, which are hard and resemble little files. When the cricket wishes to make himself agreeable he arises his wings, bends his body slightly forward and quickly rubs his files against each other.

The sound is made greatly louder by a flat plate on each wing, which, acting somewhat like the parchment of a drum, causes the rasping of the files to be heard far and wide. The female cricket has no musical instrument of her own, and she cannot reply to the chirping; but, though dumb, she possesses a fine pair of ears, which are situated not in her head but her legs. The cricket, being partly a burrowing insect, has a protective mask, which covers the face; and, being hinged like the visor worn by a knight of old, can be lifted at will.

Beneath it the cricket's tongue appears, a curious kidney-shaped organ of elaborate structure, which acts like a sponge, and enables its owner to suck up the moisture it needs. Its food is slender and consists of grains of flour or crumbs too small for the broom to remove, and where crickets are numerous they are useful as scavengers in removing dust.

Odds and Ends.

Austria has sent to our shores 123,000 of her population.

Italy and Russia have each furnished about 182,000 emigrants to America.

The new Chicago directory estimates the city's population at 1,695,000.

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Mice Run a Spinning Wheel.

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